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October 25, 2005

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE SOLE SOURCE  
CONTRACT WITH THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES  
AUTHORITY**

In accordance with your Board's motion of February 23, 1999, on sole source contracts of \$250,000 or greater, this is to inform you that the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) intends to negotiate a sole source agreement with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).

The current contract with LAHSA expires December 31, 2005. The agreement will amend Contract Number 75159 with LAHSA to extend the term for six months, from January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006, to continue the provision of outreach and emergency shelter services to homeless CalWORKs families. The total estimated cost of \$1,500,000 for the amendment will be funded with CalWORKs Single Allocation for FY 05-06. There are no net County costs involved.

DPSS has contracted with LAHSA since 2003, providing funding for a variety of services to homeless CalWORKs families. The purpose of this amendment is to continue the outreach and emergency shelter services which your Board authorized in January, May and September 2005.

State regulations allow contracting without competitive solicitation when services are to be rendered by a public agency. As such, LAHSA has the expertise and experience to provide the needed services.

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LAHSA's performance on the current contract with DPSS has been satisfactory. There have been no complaints from subcontractors about nonpayment or untimely payments for emergency shelter services provided. Additionally, since August 1, 2005, DPSS assigned three managers to a task force assisting LAHSA with their overall contracting and financial issues.

We will not begin negotiations until the two-week notification period has passed.

BY:bf

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
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